

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in the City of Chesapeake, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

April 3, 2013 to May 2, 2013

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Determination

DEQ is reviewing a federal action to determine if it is consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP) established pursuant to the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The VCP seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The City of Chesapeake submitted a federal consistency certification (FCC) for proposed roadway and ditch improvements along Elbow Road. The project qualifies for an Individual Permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, necessitating the submission of the FCC. The city proposes to construct approximately 1,260 linear feet of improvements along the north side of Bethel Baptist Curve and 1,400 linear feet of improvements along the south side of the Virginia Beach City Line Curve. The project aims to reduce the number of vehicular accidents on Elbow Road. Elongating the radius of the curves along the road will increase sighting distances for drivers, and widening the shoulders will provide emergency areas. The improvements will result in impacts to 1.46 acres of forested non-tidal wetlands and open water areas. According to the FCC, the project will be consistent with the enforceable policies of the VCP.

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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